tute have shifted to NOIDA and office of Postal Staff College to Ghaziabad recently. It has been decided to shift 13 more Government offices also to places outside Delhi. The Government offices also to places outside Delhi. The Government has also decided to shift 25 Public Sector Undertakings out of Delhi. However, none of them has actually shifted so far. The matter has been taken up at a high level with the administrative Ministries concerned.

(d) The National Capital Region Planning Board constituted under the National Capital Region Planning Board Act, 1985 has already prepared a Regional Plan for the harmonious development of the National Capital Region. The Plan has come into force with effect from 23rd January, 1989.

(e) The plan is an inter-related policy frame covering all sectors of development namely demography, human settlement, land-use, economic activities, transport and tale-communications, public services, ecology, environment and shelter. The Plan envisages that location of new establishments and expansidn, of existing ones is outside Delhi, specially in the towns identified for development on priority basis. To decongest Delhi's transport system, the plan envisages strengthening and widening of the National Highways, development of an inner and outer grid road system, and a regional rail by-pass to avoid by passable traffic now moving through Delhi.

Ships for Ocean Research

901. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have nay proposal to build four ships for ocean research;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the ships will be built?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) There is no proposal in the Department to build four ships.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

[Translation]

Difference in the Prices of Packed and Loose Edible Oils

902. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM:Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a vast difference in the prices of packed edible items and the loose items; and

(b) if so, the steps the Government propose to ensure that these items are available at equal prices by reducing the packing charges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b). In the case of edible items of mass consumption, there is only marginal difference in the prices of packed and loose items. In view of the higher cost of packing in tins the exact equality in prices is not possible. However, in the cases where selected edible items are sold in costly packaging material, efforts are being made to go in for alternative cheap packaging material to reduce the prices. In respect of imported Palmolein the supply of edible oil through the public distribution system is being arranged through polypack of 1 kg. each by the Government.